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Dear Mr. President:

We write to express our hopes for a successful summit meeting in Moscow which will advance the cause of peace and human rights. On the eve of your historic trip to Moscow, we ask you to place the unresolved tragedy of Holocaust hero Raoul Wallenberg at the top of your human rights agenda with General Secretary Gorbachev.

In July 1944, Raoul Wallenberg travelled to Hungary at the behest of the United States, and accomplished what many thought was impossible. In the six months he was in Budapest, Mr. Wallenberg managed to directly and indirectly save 100,000 Hungarian Jews from certain death at the hands of the Nazis. In January 1945, as Soviet troops encircled Budapest, Raoul Wallenberg was taken into Soviet "protective custody" and disappeared forever. The Soviets insist that he died in 1947, but over the years former inmates have reported that he is still alive in Soviet prison. There is still no definitive word as to whether Raoul Wallenberg is alive or dead today.

Our nation has a special responsibility to find out what happened to Raoul Wallenberg. It is American sponsorship which apparently led the Soviets to erroneously believe that Wallenberg was on a spy mission in Budapest. Furthermore, by signing a Congressional resolution in October 1981, you declared Wallenberg to be an honorary citizen of the United States. At that time, you committed the U.S. government to ongoing efforts to determine Wallenberg's fate.

Mr. President, members of the Wallenberg family have requested permission to go to Moscow to request definitive information about his fate. We ask you to urge General Secretary Gorbachev to grant them permission to travel to the Soviet Union for that purpose. Moreover, we hope that you will urge General Secretary Gorbachev in the strongest possible terms to help resolve the tragedy surrounding the last hero of the Holocaust.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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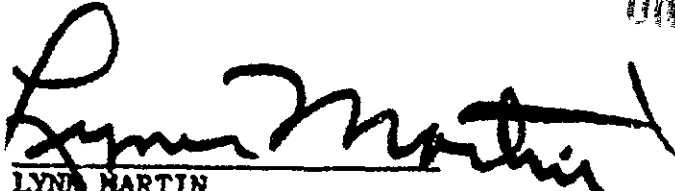
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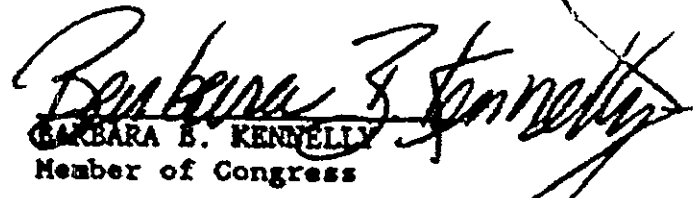
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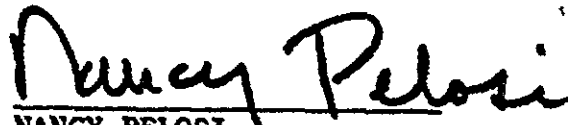
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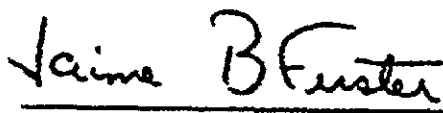

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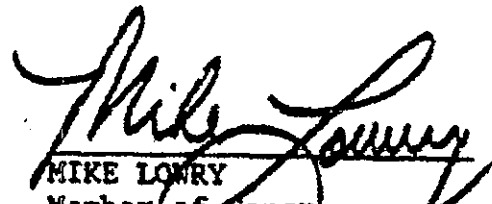

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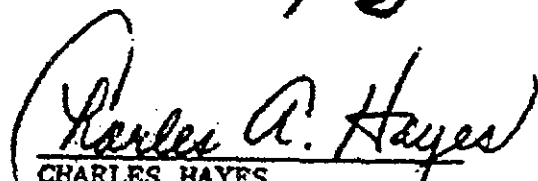

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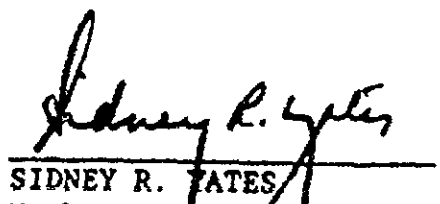

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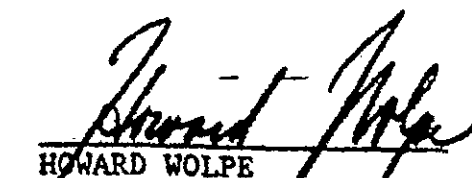

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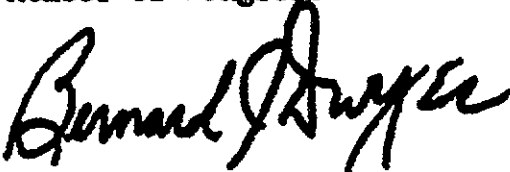
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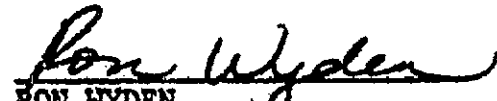

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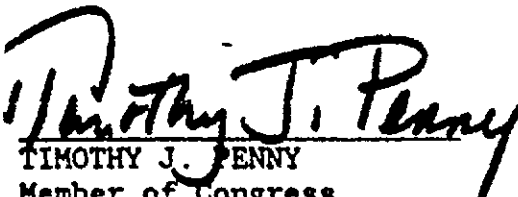

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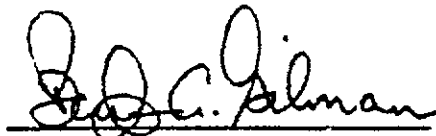

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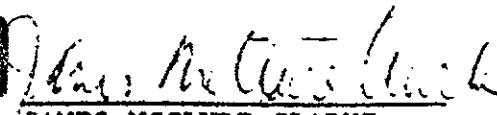

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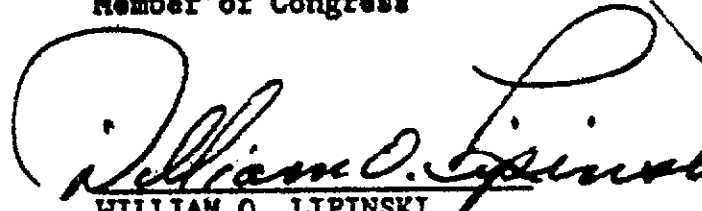

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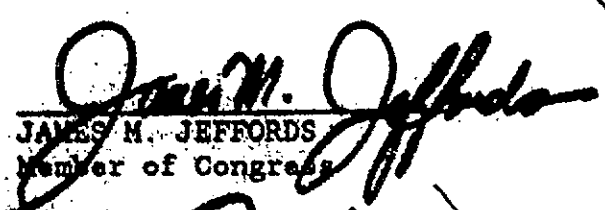

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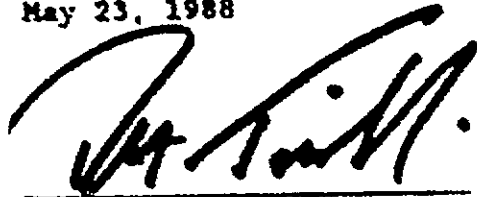

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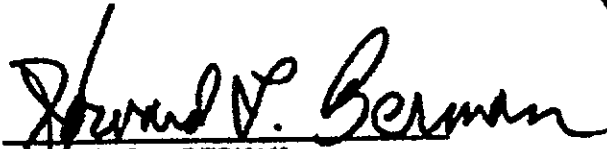
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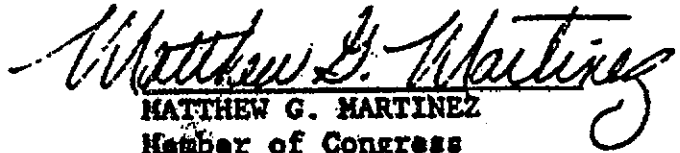
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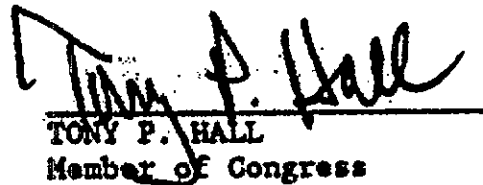
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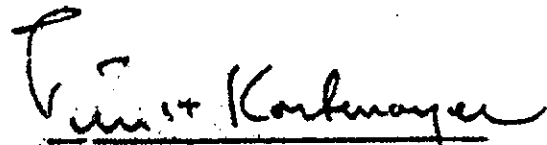
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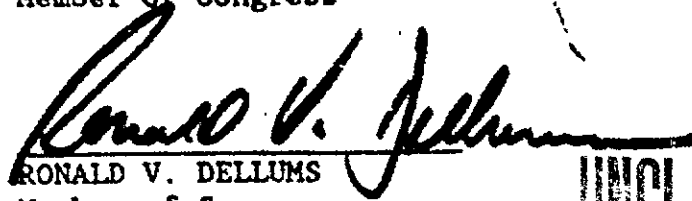
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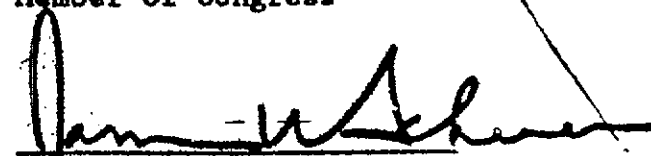
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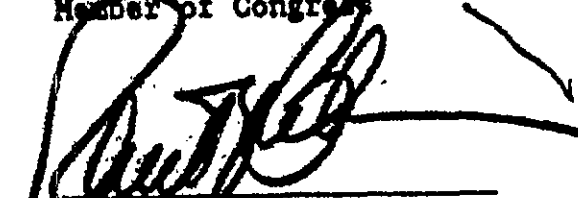

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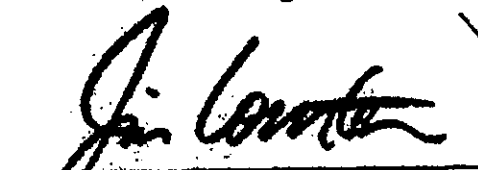

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